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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN LOURENCO MARQUES - SITREP AS OF
NOON DECEMBER 20

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 1357

1. SITUATION CALM. CITY NORMAL, EXCEPT FOR WIDESPREAD PRESENCE
ARMED TROOPS AND HEAVY ROADBLOCKS ON ROADS LEADING OUT OF TOWN.

2. GPRM ISSUED FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE EARLY THIS MORNING:

QUOTE COMMUNIQUE OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF POPULAR FORCES
FOR LIBERATION OF MOZAMBIQUE (FPLM).

A. ON DECEMBER 17, 1975 REACTIONARY ELEMENTS WITHIN FPLM
BELONGING TO BATTALION STATIONED AT MACHAVA (FEW MILES NORTH-
WEST OF LOURENCO MARQUES) LAUNCHED A GRAVE ARMED PROVOCATION
AGAINST FPLM, MOZAMBIQUE POLICE CORPS AND POPULATION OF CAPITAL.
THE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS, NUMBERING ABOUT FOUR HUNDRED, BEGAN
BY OCCUPYING, EARLY IN THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 17, VARIOUS
STRATEGIC POINTS AS WELL AS THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE ADMINIS-
TRATION OF THE SECOND BARRIO ON AVENUE MOZAMBIQUE, ON THE ROAD
TO MACHAVA, THE MILITARY REPAIR INSTALLATIONS, AND AN FPLM
ARMORY. BY MID-AFTERNOON THE REACTIONARIES STARTED TOWARD
THE CENTER OF THE CITY TO OCCUPY OTHER STRATEGIC POINTS: AIRPORT,
POWER PLANT, RADIO MOZAMBIQUE, FPLM HEADQUARTERS AND PARTY
HEADQUARTERS.

THE DECISIVE AND COORDINATED ACTION OF FPLM, POLICE AND
POPULATION LED BY DYNAMIZING GROUPS BLOCKED THE ADVANCE OF
REACTIONARY FORCES CAUSING CASUALTIES AMONG THEM AND FORCED
THEM TO RETREAT TOWARD MACHAVA. AS THEY DID THEY WERE SUR-
ROUNDED, DISARMED AND DETAINED BY FPLM. THE BULK OF THE REAC-
TIONARY FORCES HAD BEEN NEUTRALIZED BY THE EARLY HOURS OF
DECEMBER 18. HOWEVER, SCATTERED GROUPS REMAINED AND AT VARIOUS
TIMES MOUNTED ATTACKS AGAINST RADIO MOZAMBIQUE, SONEFE REFINERY
AND GENERAL HEADQUARTERS. THEY WERE EXPELLED AND SOME WERE
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CAPTURED. THE REST TOOK REFUGE IN A FEW BUILDINGS WHICH THEY
OCCUPIED BY FORCE OR WITH THE COMPLICITY OF RESIDENTS. OTHERS
DIVESTED THEMSELVES OF UNIFORMS AND ARMS, PUTTING ON CIVILIAN
CLOTHING TO TRY TO ESCAPE.

THESE SMALL NUCLEI WERE QUICKLY NEUTRALIZED BY ACTION OF THE
POPULAR MASSES LED BY DYNAMIZING GROUPS WHO PINPOINTED THE
REACTIONARIES AND INFORMED FPLM AND POLICE OF ALL OF THEIR

MOVEMENTS. THE PEOPLE DETAINED AND CAPTURED NUMEROUS CRIMINALS THEMSELVES.

B. THE DECEMBER 10-13 MEETING OF THE FPLM HIGH COMMAND AND TROOPS DESCRIBED THE INTENSIFICATION OF IMPERIALIST ACTION AIMED AT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE FOLLOWING:

DIVISION IN MIDST OF FPLM, BREAKING THE UNITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND ITS ARMED ELEMENT THE FPLM, AND THE CREATION OF A CLIMATE OF INTRANQUILITY AND INSTABILITY IN THE COUNTRY WITH THE ULTIMATE PURPOSE OF PREVENTING IMPLANTATION OF POPULAR POWER IN MOZAMBIQUE.

CONSCIOUS OF THESE PLANS OF THE ENEMY, THE FPLM MEETING ADOPTED DECISIVE MEASURES AIMED AT FORTIFYING THE UNITY BETWEEN THE PEOPLE AND FPLM, CORRECTING THE BEHAVIOR OF THE FPLM IN A MANNER SO AS TO BRING IT COMPLETELY INTO LINE WITH THE POLICY OF FRELIMO, AND CREATING CONDITIONS TO SHARPEN THE VIGILANCE OF BOTH TROOPS AND POPULAR MASSES AGAINST IDEOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL INFILTRATION BY THE ENEMY.

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SPECIFICALLY, THE MEETING EXTENSIVELY ANALYZED THE NUMEROUS CASES OF VIOLATIONS OF THE POPULAR LINE AND DISCIPLINE OF FRELIMO THAT HAVE BEEN PROVEN IN RECENT MONTHS AND WHICH MANIFESTED THEMSELVES THROUGH ACTS OF CORRUPTION, ABUSES OF AUTHORITY, PARASITISM DISRESPECT OF STRUCTURES, ALCOHOLISM, USE OF DRUGS, PROTECTION OF PROSTITUTION, BAD TREATMENT OF THE POPULATION AND ROBBERY. THE CRIMINAL ACTION UNDERTAKENHON DECEMBER 17 AND 18 IN LOURENCO MARQUES WAS A REACTION AGAINST THE JUST MEASURES ADOPTED BY OHE FPLM MEETING.

CONCLUDING THAT THE PURGE OF THE RANKS OF FPLM WOULD DEPRIVE IT OF A FERTILE GROUND FOR MANEUVERING, IMPERIALISM MOBILIZED ITS LONG-TIME AGENTS THAT HAVE REMAINED CAMOUFLAGED AMONG US AND THROUGH THEM INCITED THESE CORRUPT AND CONFUSED ELEMENTS TO VIOLENT ACTION, MAKING THEM BELIEVE THEY COULD PREVENT THE APPLICATION OF DECISIONS TAKEN SO THAT THEY COULD CONTINUE THE TYPE OF DEGRADING LIFE TO WHICH THEY HAD GIVEN THEMSELVES.

C. ALL THIS SHOWS US THAT TO ATTAIN ITS OBJECTIVES THE ENEMY DOES NOT HESITATE IN USING THE MOST PERFIDIOUS AND CRIMINAL METHODS.

INDISCIPLINE, CORRUPTION AND THE VIOLATION OF THE POLITICAL LINE OF FRELIMO WILL ALWAYS CONSTITUTE CRACKS THROUGH WHICH

THE ENEMY IN OUR MIDST CAN PENETRATE TO DEVELOP HIS DIS-
UNIFYING ACTION.

TO FORTIFY OURSELVES FOR THE PRESENT BATTLE FOR CONSOLIDATION
OF POPULAR POWER AND FOR THE CREATION OF THE NEW SOCIETY --
AGAINST THE ALWAYS TENACIOUS OPPOSITION OF THE ENEMY OF OUR
CLASS -- IT IS NECESSARY TO STUDY, TO DIGEST AND TO CREATIVELY
APPLY IN PRACTICE THE POLITICAL LINE OF FRELIMO.

IN THIS CONTEXT, WE MUST INTENSIFY ORGANIZED STUDY OF THE
DOCUMENTS OF FRELIMO AND ESPECIALLY THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE
FPLM MEETING OF DECEMBER 10-13.

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IT IS IMPORTANT TO DYNAMIZE THE STRUCTURES OF THE PARTY
AND TO MAKE THEM EFFECTIVE AT THE LEVEL OF THE WORKING PLACE
AND THE HOME AS WELL AS WITHIN FPLM UNITS. WE MUST INCREASE
THE PRODUCTIVITY OF OUR WORK, WHICH IS ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL
TARGETS OF ENEMY ACTION. WE WILL CONSOLIDATE OUR POWER THROUGH
REINFORCING OUR ECONOMIC BASE. LET US INTENSIFY CLASS STRUGGLE
TO ESTABLISH EVEN MORE FIRMLY THE POWER OF THE WORKER-PEASANT
ALLIANCE. THE STRUGGLE CONTINUES.

LOURENCO MARQUES 19 DECEMBER 1975. UNQUOTE

3. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE, COMMUNIQUE SEEMS GIVE ACCURATE
RENDITION OF WHAT HAPPENED AND, PRESUMABLY, WHY. FPLM
DEC. 10-13 MEETING RESULTED IN STIFF REFORMS REPORTED LOURENCO
MARQUES 1353 AND SEEMED BOUND TO CAUSE REACTION. WHAT SURPRISED
OBSERVERS, AND PERHAPS GPRM ITSELF, WAS SPEED WITH WHICH
REACTION CAME.

4. WE ARE NOT HAPPY, OF COURSE, WITH ACCUSATION THAT TROUBLE
WAS CAUSED BY CAMOUFLAGED AGENTS OF IMPERIALISM. ONE VERSION
CIRCULATING IN AFRICAN TOWNSHIPS IS THAT "FOREIGNERS" WERE
RESPONSIBLE. SOME COMMENT OVER RADIO MOZAMBIQUE'S PROGRAMS
IN LOCAL SHANGAN HAS ATTRIBUTED DISTURBANCES TO INFILTRATORS
AND WEAPONS FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

5. WHILE GPRM COMMUNIQUE PROVIDES USEFUL INFORMATION, IT AND
ACTION IT DESCRIBES ALSO RAISES NUMBER QUESTIONS WHICH WE
WILL ATTEMPT ADDRESS NEXT WEEK.

6. UNLESS SITUATION SHOULD UNEXPECTEDLY DETERIORATE, THIS
IS OUR LAST SITREP.
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